AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR EARLY HEAD START

The Head Start Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has funding available for public and private non-profit or for-profit organizations to provide Early Head Start services to pregnant women, infants and toddlers, ages 0 to 3, and their families in your local community. Approximately \$1,593,249 annually is available to fund services in the following areas within St. Louis County: (1) an area bounded on the north by the Missouri River; on the south by the Meramec River; on the east by Mississippi River, except for St. Louis City which borders St. Louis County on the following streets: Riverview, Goodfellow, Skinker-McCausland, River Des Peres and Carondelet; and on the west by Wild Horse Creek Road, Ossenfort Road, Boguett Road, and Fox Creek Road; (2) St. Louis City-an area bounded on the east by the Mississippi River; on the north, south and west bordering St. Louis County on the following streets: Riverview, Goodfellow, Skinker-McCausland, River Des Peres, and Carondelet; and (3) St. Louis City-an area bounded on the south by Forest Park Parkway and portions of Forest Park; on the west by Skinker Boulevard, Kienlen, Jennings Station Road; on the north by West Florissant Road; and on the east by Grand Boulevard in St. Louis County, MO (Service Area # EHS-MO-198).

Grant applications to apply for funding are due April 11, 2003. Organizations interested in becoming the Early Head Start program for the service area specified above should contact the Early Head Start Operations Center at 1-800-458-7699 or ehs@pal-tech.com for more information on the process for applying to become an Early Head Start grantee or to receive a grant application packet (ask for Service Area # EHS-MO-198). For more information on the Early Head Start program, visit the Head Start Program, visit the Head Start National Resource Center's Web site.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration

for Children and Families (ACF)

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications

to sponsor an Early Head Start program in St. Louis County, MO.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families solicits applications

from local public or private non-profit or local for-profit

organizations that wish to compete for funds which are available to provide Early Head Start services in the following service area within St. Louis County, MO: the following areas within St. Louis County: (1) an area bounded on the north by the Missouri River; on the south by the Meramec River; on the

east by Mississippi River, except for St. Louis City which borders St. Louis County on the following streets: Riverview, Goodfellow, Skinker-McCausland, River Des Peres and Carondelet; and on the west by Wild Horse Creek Road, Ossenfort Road, Boguett Road, and Fox Creek Road; (2) St. Louis City-an area bounded on the east by the Mississippi River; on the north, south and west bordering St. Louis County on the following streets: Riverview, Goodfellow, Skinker-McCausland, River Des Peres, and Carondelet; and (3) St. Louis City-an area bounded on the south by Forest Park Parkway and portions of Forest Park; on the west by Skinker Boulevard, Kienlen, Jennings Station Road; on the north by West Florissant Road; and on the east by Grand Boulevard (Service Area # EHS-MO-198). Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply. The Head Start Act authorizes the Secretary to designate as an Early Head Start agency any local public or private nonprofit or local for-profit agency within a community. In the remainder of this document the term "Early Head Start program" means an Early Head Start program which serves pregnant women and children from birth to age 3.

The funds available in this competition will be awarded to applicants who compete for select service areas that are open for competition. The select service areas that are open for competition are communities that received Early Head Start grants for five year project periods. Upon completion of the five year project period, the funds are recompeted in the service areas where Early Head Start services are currently being provided. These are the only service areas open for competition in this Announcement.

The intent of this announcement is to provide for the continuation of services in the service area defined above within **St. Louis County, MO**. Funds in the amount of approximately **\$1,593,249**annually will be available to provide Early Head Start program services to eligible children and their families.

The current grantee is funded to operate an Early Head Start program until **August 31, 2003** in the above service area. Head Start regulations allow for a variety of program options and designs. Applicants should propose a design or designs that best address the needs of the proposed service area. Applicants have flexibility in determining the appropriate number of children to be served by the various program options (center-based, home-based, or combination) and program designs (hours per day, days per week, weeks per year.)

DATE: The closing date for receipt of applications under this

announcement is April 11, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard

Time (EST)

APPLICATION RECEIPT POINT:

Early Head Start Operations Center

1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1000

Arlington, VA 22209

Envelopes should be clearly marked "Early Head Start Select

Service Area Recompetition."

Hand delivered applications are accepted at the above address during the normal working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST Monday through Friday, on or before the closing date and time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

A copy of the Program Announcement for your service area

(Service Area # EHS-MO-198), necessary application forms, and

other appendices can be obtained by contacting:

Early Head Start Operations Center 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1000

Arlington, VA 22209 1-800-458-7699 <u>ehs@pal-tech.com</u>

Any questions related to this announcement should be directed to the Early Head Start Operations Center.